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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :

Andreas MENRAD et al.

Serial No.: 09/942,117

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Group Art Unit

Examiner: Unassigned

For: RECEPTOR OF THE ED_b-FIBRONECTIN DOMAINS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (Amended) A protein, according to claim 1,
- a) that has the ability to bind specifically to the ED_b-fibronectin domains and that comprises the $\alpha 2\beta 1$ chain of the integrin;
 - b) that is expressed or activated specifically in endothelial cells;
 - c) that is expressed or activated specifically in stromal cells of a tumor;
 - d) that is expressed or activated specifically in tumor cells;
 - e) whose binding to the ED_b-fibronectin domains is inhibited by a polypeptide and that comprises the α chain of the integrin; and
 - f) that has an apparent molecular weight of 120-130 kDa for the light chain and 150-160 kDa for the heavy chain, determined by SDS-polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis.

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